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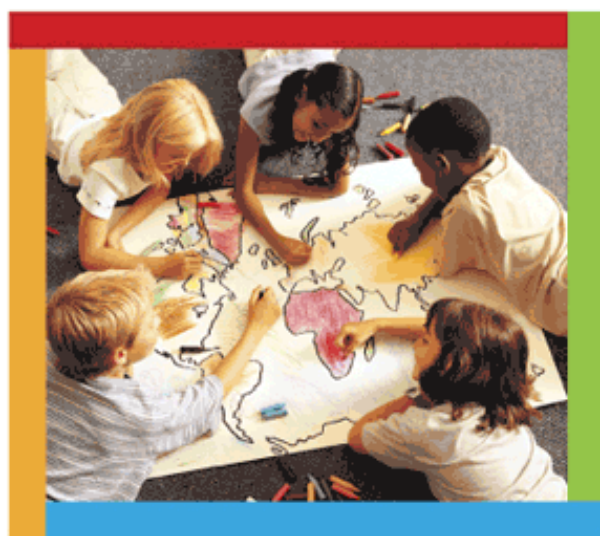
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Strategy Focus

As you read, think of **questions** that might help you understand more about murals.



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Key Vocabulary

event something that happens

mural a large painting on a wall

pride feeling good about
something

project a job that takes time
to finish

scene something to see or
look at

sketches quick drawings

Word Teaser

If you have looked at a picture,
you have seen one of these.



Is there a mural in your school or town?



A mural takes a long time to make. First, artists must choose an idea. They plan the mural by drawing **sketches**.



Next, the artists choose colors for the mural.



Finally, the artists begin to paint.



At some schools, adult artists work with students to paint murals.



At this school, an artist helped students paint a scene on each wall.



Each scene shows a different place.



At other schools, students and their families may work together to make murals.



Once a mural is finished, there may be a special **event** to show it to people.



Making a mural might be a good **project** for your school. Murals are a very good way for everyone to show **pride** in their school.

Responding

Putting Words to Work

1. How is a **sketch** different from a painting?
2. What **project** did one school plan to make their building look better?
3. Complete this sentence:
I feel **pride** when I _____.
4. Why do people usually work together to make a **mural**?
5. **PARTNER ACTIVITY:** Think of a word you learned in the text. Explain it to your partner and give an example.

Answer to Word Teaser
a scene

Word Builder

There are many different **events** at most schools. Make a chart of school events. Tell what happens at those events. Add more events and information if you wish.

Events	What Happens
Spelling Bee	The school has a spelling contest.

Write About It

Choose an **event** from the Word Builder chart. Write a short paragraph describing the event.

Key Vocabulary

event

mural

pride

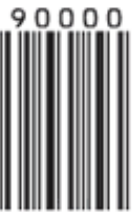
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